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Dear Commissioner for Patents:

Enclosed herewith for appropriate action are the following items:

1. Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, including a Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time;
2. Notice of Appeal; and
3. Return postcard.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this response, other than the Three-Month Petition for Extension of Time and the Notice of Appeal. However, please charge any payments due or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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